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This is a special, shortened edition, announcing cancellations, schedule changes, and special announcements.

*****Dues due June 30, 2020*****

The DKG Constitution establishes June 30 as the deadline for submission of dues payments by members to chapter treasurers (Article IV. C. 1.). However, it also states that "The international portion of the dues shall be sent between July 1 and September 30." (Article IV.C.4.) No one should consider dropping a member for not paying dues until after September 30, 2020.



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Upcoming Events

Save the Dates!

2020 DKG Virtual Event

July 7 – 10, 2020

Fall Workshop

August 11, 2020
Bismarck, ND

ND State Convention

Early June, 2021

President's Ponderings



North Dakota State President, Ann Braaten

Greetings on a beautiful June day. I hope you are enjoying the green grass, flowers and warmer temperatures. The balm of summer is needed to sooth the f r u s t r a t i o n

experienced with the switch to online education, the many cancellations, social distancing, and sheltering in place. I am glad we all rose to the challenges and made it through these challenging times. Summer is here for us to catch up, renew and iron the wrinkles out of our souls.

Mark your calendars for our **Fall (Late Summer) Workshop** on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Broadway Grill and Tavern's meeting room, 100 West Broadway Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501; 701-751-5969. More details, including the menu choices and prices, will be sent out in mid-July. If the COVID-19 causes us to shelter in place, we will meet via Zoom video conferencing the same day, Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. -3 p.m.

It was hard to cancel the ND-DKG Spring Conference, but it was the safest thing to do. Next year, the **2021 ND State Convention** will be held in Bismarck in early June. The days are yet to be determined. Thanks to Gamma Chapter for agreeing to continue as host, and Emily Schaefer for continuing as chair. I am looking forward to seeing you all then.

In lieu of the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia, planners are making arrangements for a **2020 DKG Virtual Event, July 7 – 10, 2020, offered via Zoom video conferencing**. Events will be both live streamed and pre-recorded, as well as posted on the DKG website for later viewing by members not able to attend the initial showings. A person doesn't have to have a Zoom membership to view the events. Simply click on the link to get to the meeting. Two keynote speakers and workshop presentations will be offered, as well as election results, and installation of officers. Go to the *DKG.org* for the schedule. All members are welcome to experience the events that are part of the International Convention. DKG Headquarters staff can assist you in gaining access to the website, if needed.

Please extend your deepest sympathy to our DKG sister Stefanie Okroi, of Epsilon-Mu Chapter. Her nephew, Grand Forks Police Officer Cody Holte, was killed in the line of duty on May 27. It is a tragedy for his family, the police force, the Grand Forks community, our state and nation.

State Treasurer LaVone Mongeon asks Chapters to send donations to the ND-DKG Golden Grant Fund. Each year, donations received at the Birthday Luncheon build the pool of funds for Golden Grants. Encourage your Chapter to donate, and feel free to give personal donations as well.

Stay healthy and see you on Tuesday, Aug. 11!

Golden Grants at Work

Golden Grant 2020-2021: Books and Braids - Lambda Chapter, Rolla, ND

The *Books and Braids* program was started in the 2019-2020 school year at Mt. Pleasant School in Rolla. The mentoring program is for girls with an emphasis on those who are at-risk students. School counselor, Tiffany Disrud, will continue to implement the program with the grant coordinated by Title 1 teacher and past North Dakota State Organization President, Brenda Seehafer. *Books and Braids* has two purposes: to improve reading skills and to improve social skills. The program reaches girls in grades 1 – 3 with low reading scores or who struggle with social skills and making friends. The mentors are junior high girls. The girls will meet on Thursday mornings, and the junior high girls style the younger girls' hair and together they read a book. The mentors use their skills in styling hair and in reading. The program builds connections for the girls, with the mentors knowing that they are doing something that helps the younger girls learn, in more than one way. The mentees learn that the mentors care about them and help them look beautiful from both the outside and inside. Funding will be used for hair-care products such as brushes, hair ties, and other hair products, books, and other projects used in a mentoring setting. The project has support from Tiffany Bercier, Main Inspirations Salon, Rolla, ND.

Golden Grant 2019-2020: Buddy Bags – Pi Chapter

The *Buddy Bag* Program delivered 12 backpacks to each of the four counties in our area to the Social Services offices for their Foster Care programs. Included in the bags were school supplies, personal supplies, a sock puppet and a soft ball.

Quality backpacks were procured in a bulk order for less than \$300 for 48 backpacks. Blankets were added and talented chapter members made sock puppets. Approximately \$15 per backpack was spent, totaling a little over \$1,000.

The response from the county Social Services has been very positive with many of the backpacks handed out already. They anticipate that more will be distributed at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

Pi Chapter would like to thank the Golden Grant committee for choosing their chapter for this Grant. The program was spearheaded by Bonnie Josewski, Chairman; Jackie Peterson, Vickie Kelley, and Jean Falter, committee members.

Golden Grants at Work continued

Golden Grant 2019-2020: *All 4 Learning Childcare Center* — Epsilon Mu Chapter

"The All 4 Learning Childcare Center's goal is to provide children in the Grand Forks and surrounding area with a safe, fun and accessible playground. Regular play time on playground is vital for a child. Research has shown that there is a link between play and brain development. When children are at play it nourishes and aids all areas of childhood development including social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth. We want to add an inviting playground that meets all the learning areas in a child's growth."

The Golden Grant has provided us well on our way to accomplishing these goals.

What we have added is new rubber tire mulch, two caterpillar climbers, a house and new sand toys. Our classrooms go out daily with a scheduled time. All items are age appropriate. We do want to add trikes and another slide, which is super popular.

The first part in quotes is taken directly from the application for the grant money so I feel is okay to add to this report. From the pictures I took before these purchases this is a huge accomplishment. The equipment is expensive and the mulch is so important for the children's safety. The playground looks so much more inviting than when I saw it.



Posted: 16 Jun 2020



In response to emails received this week regarding DKG's stand on discrimination, violence, and injustice, the following statement and information are offered...

As an international organization, it is difficult to address specific and particular issues, such as the protests currently sweeping the United States and spilling over into Europe without disrespecting the global perspective such an organization must maintain with all countries its membership represents. As educators what we do in our classrooms and in our communities can affect the changes our society needs. We do this first by educating ourselves and acting on that education. We also do this by teaching students to be fair, to respect others, to avoid bullying, and to seek peaceful means of resolving conflicts. How chapters acknowledge justice for all sets a powerful tone for the Society, too. Discussions, programs, projects, activities, and day-to-day modeling of unbiased acceptance of all people provides a starting point. During these times and all times, we must stand together and move forward with value and respect for all.

While DKG members surely stand in solidarity against any form of oppression and injustice, we can also encourage our members at this and any other time to reflect on the broad meaning of the Diversity & Inclusivity Statement adopted by our International Administrative Board last year: "All educators who identify as women may be invited to membership." Our eligibility requirements of membership limit invitations to educators who identify as women, and the honor of membership limits our invitations to those deemed to reflect excellence. However, DKG values the lives and worth of *all* people regardless of race, culture, age, ethnicity, religion, or any other potential cause for discrimination.

Take advantage of the following presentations now scheduled during our 2020 DKG Virtual Event, July 7-10:

July 8, 2020/12:15 p.m. CDT: “Relationships: The Key to Building a Positive Learning Culture” (workshop)

July 8, 2020 /2:00 p.m. CDT: “Eight Elements for an Inclusive Organization” (workshop)

July 9, 2020/12:15 p.m. CDT: “The 6 Decisions to Overcome Institutionalized Racism Using Science and Innovative Thinking,” Olympia LePoint, 2020 Eunah Temple Holden Fund Speaker

July 9, 2020/1:30 p.m. CDT: Forum Event: “Embracing Diversity”

Perhaps we would do well to work to fulfill the words Dr. Martin Luther King spoke in 1967, “[W]e may be able to emerge from the bleak and desolate midnight of man’s inhumanity to man, into the bright and glittering daybreak of freedom and justice.” It’s a goal worth setting and one to address now.

Comments (cathyd@dkg.org)

Hazel B. Nielson Scholarship Awarded

Mary L. Mc Nally, who is a general music teacher at Edison Elementary in Minot was awarded the Hazel B. Nielson Scholarship in March of 2020. Mary was planning on attending Texas University, gaining Orff Level III Certification. Due to COVID-19, the class was cancelled. Mary will still be awarded the money and she will update the Scholarship Committee as to which classes she plans to take in the upcoming year.

Remembrances



Yvonne Carlson of Delta Chapter

and

Dr. Delores Henderson of Lambda Chapter passed away this year. They will be honored during the Hour of Remembrance during the 2021 Convention.

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DKG International website

is up-to-date and full of information. Please refer to the website for answers to many questions you may have.

<http://www.dkg.org>

Reminder - Sign in instructions: Members: Please note that **SIGN IN** is still needed to access **“MEMBERS' ONLY”** information. The sign-in button is at the top right of this page.

USERNAME: Username is your 6 digit **Member ID**.

PASSWORD: MUST include 7 characters – including at least one letter and one number.

Signing in will take you to the home page for members. A **SITE MAP** is provided there to help you with navigation.

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-Judy Walter